Iconoclastes:

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A HAMMER

To break down all invented *IMAGES*, *IMAGE-MAKERS* and *IMAGE-WORSHIPPERS*.

Shewing how contrary they are both to the *LAW* and *GOSPEL*.

By this therfore shall the Iniquity of Jacob be purged, and this is all the fruit to take away his sin: when he makes all the stones of the Altar like Chalk stones that are beaten in sunder, the Groves and Images shall not stand up, Isa. 27. 9.

Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands which smote the Image upon his feet that were of iron and clay; and brake them to peices, Dan. 2. 34.

Ye shall defile the covering of thy graven Images of silver, and the ornament of thy Molten Images of gold: thou shalt cast them away as menstruous cloath, thou shalt say unto it, Get thee hence, Isa. 30. 22.

Thy graven Images also will I cut off, and thy standing Images out of the midest of thee; and thou shalt no more worship the works of thy hands, Micah 5. 13.

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THE Lord God made man and woman in his own Image and in his own Likeneſs, and ſet him above all the works of his hand, but when man and woman loſt the Image of God, and his likeneſs within them, by tranſgreſſing his command, in eating of that which God had forbidden, and ſo by tranſgreſſing of his command, the Serpent that was under them, got over them and in them, ſo that the body of death and ſin then entered into Man and VVoman, for ſin brings death, and then it came to be a body in Man and VVoman; and ſo from that, all tranſgreſſion aroſe, and the Original ſin in Man and VVoman; ſo the Devil was the beginning of it, in Man and VVoman, and not God; and ſo this Death reigned in man and woman from *Adam*, the entring of it by tranſgreſſion until the Law came, which reſtrained man and woman from ſin, and ſo from that that brought death, ſo that death ſhould not reign; but the Law of God, which was added becauſe of tranſgreſſion; And ſo the law came on the top of man, though it anſwered the VVitneſs of God in him, which he had tranſgreſt. And though the Law made nothing perfect, not taking away the root of ſin, but taking hold upon the actions; but Chriſt who deſtroyed death with his works, takes away the root of ſin, and deſtroys the beginning of it, to wit, the Original, the Devil, that abode not in the Truth himſelf, who led man and woman out of Truth: and ſo to be like him in his Image, and not like God in his Image, and therefore Chriſt who deſtroyed the Devil, renews man again in the Image of God. And now all men that be in the Image of the Devil, out of truth, out of the Image of God,

they are them that make Images, Likeneſſes, Repreſentations of things in Heaven, of things in the Earth, and of things in the VVaters, above and below. So theſe are all (I ſay) Imitators of the Creator, and of the Maker of all things in the Heaven, in the Earth, in the Sea, and in the VVaters, above and below, though they do not worſhip them; and this is forbidden both to worſhip and to make them. And therfore all Freinds and People pluck down your Images, your Likeneſſes, your Pictures, and your Repreſentations of things in Heaven, things in the Earth, and things in the Waters; I ſay pluck them out of your Houſes, VValls and Signs, or other places, that none of you be found Immitators of his Creator, whom you ſhould Serve and VVorſhip; and not obſerve the idle lazy mind, that would go invent and make things like a Creator and Maker, any thing (I ſay) that is in Heaven, the Earth, or in the Waters above or below. For mind, while man was in the Image of God, and his likeneſs, and the woman, they did not make any Likeneſſes, or Images of things in Heaven, or Earth, or VVater. But when man loſt this Image of God, then they did begin to make ſuch things, as the ſtock of *Nimrod*. In *Ninos* his time, then they began to make Images of their Children, and indulge them that would worſhip them; and ſo afterwards ſet them up by a Law, their Images and Likeneſſes to be worſhiped, and at laſt they worſhiped four-footed Beaſts, as you may ſee in the *Romans*, and creeping things.

So when *Moſes* came, Images were forbidden, the Maker and the VVorſhiper, and when Chriſt came he brings people into the Image of God and his likeneſs, as man was in the beginning. And ſo the Jews that did forſake the Law of God; ſee how they did run after Images, Stargazers, and monthly Prognoſticators, which was forbidden by the Prophets of God, and the Apoſtles which brought up people into the Image of God, above the Jews true Figures, and Shaddows, and Tipes of Chriſt the Subſtance; which the Jews in their time, with their Tipes, and Shaddows, and Figures of Chriſt, was to ſtand over all the Heathen Images, Likeneſſes and Gods that they had made; but Chriſt he ends the true Figures and Shaddows, and the Apoſtle preacht them down, not only the Gentiles Images, and likeneſſes, but the true Tipes and Figures of Chriſt Jeſus; for

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they preacht up the Substance, Christ Jesus. But now since the Apostles dayes, Are ye like Christians that go under the name? see what Images, Likenesses, Representations, what an Host, or a Multitude they have made, by which they have almost filled Christendom; yea, many adores them. They made Images of God, they made Images of Christ, of the Apostles and Prophets, and them they call their Saints; yea and set them in their Books, their Bibles, their Sign-posts, and in their Houses, since they have lost the Image of God as was in the Apostles dayes among the primative Christians; and therefore see what dark spirit hath set up here among Christians, such things as were forbidden by the Law and Gospel, so that there was no Image before the fall, nor Likeness, nor Representation; in the fall there hath been, and is, and was among the Jews when they went from the Law of God. So among the Christians, there is who have gone from the power of God, the Gospel.

So in the restoration of Christ Jesus there is no Image, no likeness, no representation, who are brought by Christ into the Image of God, as was *Adam* and *Eve* before the fall. So there was no Image or Likeness before mans fall, in the fall there was; which by the Law was forbidden, and by the Gospel; and since they have lost the Gospel, they have set them up again, which are now forbidden by the Gospel, the power of God, which was before the Devil was; and therfore down and away with all your Images, Likenesses, Representations, you Imitators of God your Maker and Creator, who hath made things, likenesses of things in heaven, and in earth, and in the waters: I say down with them out of your Houses, and off your Sign-posts, with the power of God; for as that arises in your hearts, the nature that doth appertain to them, or adore them, or worship them, and the makers of them, by the power of God are throne down, it, and them both; which power of God brings you up into the Image of God, and his Likeness, Exod. 20. *Thus saith the Lord God, I am the Lord which brought you out of the Land of Egypt, and the House of of Bondage: thou shalt have no other Gods before me.*

Now here you may see Gods people were brought out of *Egypt*, out of the House of Bondage. The Lord saith, *Thou shalt make thee no graven Image, nor any similitude of things*

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that are in Heaven above, neither in the Earth beneath, nor in the Waters under the earth: and, *thou ſhalt not bow down to them, nor ſerve them.* Now they that are brought out of ſpiritual *Egypt*, that Houſe of bondage, can neither make Images nor Likeneſſes, nor worſhip them; but the ſpiritual *Egypt* as the outward *Egypt* doth. Neither ſhall ye make Gods of ſilver, nor Gods of gold. Now you that make Gods and Chriſts of bread and wine, and make your pictures of Chriſt of gold and ſilver, you are the ſpiritual *Egyptians* and in the houſe of bondage, which they that come out of your houſe of bondage, and your ſpiritual *Egypt*, utterly deny them.

And the Lord ſaid in *Exod.* 23. *Ye ſhal take heed to all things that I ſay unto you; ye ſhall make no mention of the names of other Gods*; mark, *neither ſhall it be heard out of thy mouth.* So here all Gods, but the living God, was not to be heard out of the mouth of his people, nor to be made mention of; and they are ſuch as bear his Image. *Ye ſhall overthrow their Alters, and break their Images to peices, and cut down their Groves.* So all that live in the power of God, that be the true Chriſtians in the Image of God, breakes down that nature in them that appertained to Images and outward Alters. For the Jews were to break down the Heathens, but the true Chriſtians break down both Jews and Heathens by the power of God, and that nature appertains to either of them. *Thou ſhalt make thee no God of mettals.* Here the Lord forbids it among the Jews, in that (*Exod.* 24.) Therfore, is it not forbid among the Chriſtians? And why do you make your Pictures of ſilver and of gold, of God, and Crucifixes of Chriſt: do not you adore them, and reverence them, and bow down to them? yea to the Images of the Apoſtles which you made, who do not bow down to the Image of God; and do bow to the Image, and do not bow to the Image of Chriſt Jeſus which the Prophets and Apoſtles were in, but bow to your own Images the works of your own hands. *Leviticus* 19. *You ſhall not turn unto Idols, nor make no molten gods; I am the Lord.* Here the Lord forbad Idols and molten gods, *for he is the Lord that made all things*; Levit. 26. *You ſhall make you no Idols, nor graven Images, nor rear up any pillars, neither ſhall you ſet up an Image of ſtone in your land, to bow down to it; for I am the Lord your God; for I will deſtroy*

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your high places, and cut down your Images, and caſt your carkaſes upon the bodies of your Idols, and my ſoul ſhall abhor you. And, what do Chriſtans ſet up Images in the land! or Idols, or Repreſentations, and bow down to them which God forbad among the Jews? For, do not you ſet up Images of Croſſes, Images of ſtone in your land, which are forbidden by the Law of God, and much more by the Goſpel?

And in *Numbers.* 33. ch. *Thus ſaith the Lord to the children of Iſrael: when they come into the land of Canaan, they ſhould deſtroy all their pictures, and break in ſunder all their Images of mettals, and pluck down their high places.* And now the Jews that were diſobedient to God, they worſhip the Pictures, and Images of mettals, like the Chriſtians, that are diſobedient to the Goſpel of Chriſt Jeſus, who kneel before the Image of Mettals and Picture, which is forbidden.

And ſo in *Deut.* 4. When the Lord ſpake unto the Children of *Iſrael* by *Moſes* ſaying, *Take good heed to your ſelves (for you ſaw no Image in the day of the Lord ſpeaking to you in* Horeb, *out of the midſt of the fire) that ye corrupt not your ſelves, and make graven Images, or Repreſentations of any figure, whether it be the likeneſs of Male or Female, the likeneſs of Beaſts on the Earth, the likeneſs of the feathered Fowles, the likeneſs of any thing that creeps upon the Earth, the likeneſs of any thing that is in the Waters, leſt thou lift up thy eye to Heaven, and ſee the Sun, Moon and Stars, with all the hoaſt of Heaven, and ſhalt be driven to worſhip them, which the Lord thy God hath deſtributed to all people under the whole Heaven.* So here it is clear, Gods hand is full againſt all Images, and likeneſſes of any thing in Heaven, in the Earth, and in the Waters, leſt they ſhould be driven to worſhip them, or adore them. But all ſuch things are to be b oken down by the Jews; and what, muſt they now be ſet up by the Chriſtians, and adored and worſhipped? yea, the Images of the Apoſtles, Angels, and Chriſt, and God, which all by the power of God the Goſpel, is judged down among the true Chriſtians, as the Law of God did among the Jews, for to convince the Jews. *Moſes* ſaid, *they ſaw no Image when the Lord ſpake to them out of the fire.*

And in *Deut.* 5. There you may ſee how it is contrary to the Law and Covenant of God to make Images, graven-Images,

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or Likeneſſes, or other Gods of any thing in Heaven, in the Earth, and in the Waters. And none ſhould bow down themſelves, nor worſhip them, nor ſerve them. And doth not Chriſtendom ſerve Images, Likeneſſes, and Repreſentations, and bow down to them, which they made with their own hands.

God forbad the Jews to marry with them that made Images, and ſerved other gods. *Deutr.* 7. For Gods wrath was hot againſt them that ſerved Images and other gods, and therefore to ſtop his wrath, they were neither to make other gods nor Images, but cut them down and burn them with fire. So the nature of all Chriſtians that invent Images, Likeneſſes and Repreſentations of God, or Chriſt, or Prophets, or Apoſtles, muſt be burnt with fire and cut down with the Sword of the Spirit for the fire.

And in *Deut.* 9. Where you may ſee the Jews had tranſgreſt the Law of God, and made a Calfe which they had molten of the Jewels and treaſures that they had brought out of *Egypt*, and therefore take heed all ye Chriſtians that are come out of ſpiritual *Egypt* that the treaſures you bring out of ſpiritual *Egypt* with you, you do not make a God of it at laſt. But ſee what *Moſes* did, the Lord ſent him, and bad him *go quickly unto the Children of Iſrael, for they had corrupted their wayes with making a molten Image.* And therefore ſaid the Lord, *they were a ſtiff necked people, let me alone that I may deſtroy them, and put their name out from under Heaven.* And ſo conſider all ye Chriſtians, have you not corrupted your wayes that hath made Images and Likeneſſes, and your molten Images, do you think your name will alwayes ſtand under Heaven? and do you think the Lord will not bring deſtruction upon that nature and wiſdome which hath invented them. And as *Moſes* ſtampt to powder that molten Image that the outward Jews had made to worſhip; will not Chriſt Jeſus ſtamp to powder your Images with his Power and Seed? which you have made and worſhipt and adored. and not only your Images but the nature in you which invented them, and holds them up?

Thou ſhalt ſet the up no Pillar, which thing the Lord thy God hateth, Deut 16. Do you regard the Lord that ſet up ſuch things and love ſuch things? do not you love that that God hateth? and, how can you but greive the Lord? and ſo bring his wrath upon you;

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Look upon your Pillars ; *Curſed be the man that maketh any graven or molten Image, which is an abomination unto the Lord, the work of the hand of the craftſman, and putteth it into a ſecret place : and let all the people ſay, Amen.* Deut. 27. v. 15. So you that do make any molten or graven Images, or cauſe any work-man to make them ; you cauſe them to make that which is an abomination to God. But do not you here make your graven Images, and do this abomination, and put them in your pockets, and hang them about your neck ? and ſo are you not here under a curſe, in that which is an abomination to the Lord.

So in Deut. 29. *Ye know how ye have dwelt in the land of Egypt, and how you came through the Nations which you paſſed by ; and you have ſeen their abominations, and their Idols, wood and ſtone, ſilver and gold, which were among them ; and that there ſhould not be among you Man, or Woman, or Family, or Tribe, which ſhould turn his heart away this day from the Lord our God, to go and ſerve the gods of thoſe Nations.* So here the Jews might ſee thoſe Idols of wood, and ſtone, ſilver and gold, among other Nations, which the Lord let them ſee forbidden ; yet that theſe Jews would go afterwards and ſet up Images of wood, and of ſtone, of gold, and of ſilver, like other Nations ; and that Chriſtians ſhould now do the ſame, which is all abomination and forbidden.

And in *Judges.* the 17. ch. *Micah* had a houſe full of Gods which was contrary to the Law of God. So look among many Chriſtians, ſee if they have not many houſes full of Images, and Pictures, and Repreſentations contrary to the Law of God and Goſpel ; and how zealous theſe were for Images, as zealous as many Chriſtians are : ſee what a great deal of mony they give to make Images, ſuch things as God forbad, *Judg.* 17. And in *Pſalm.* 60. Where you may ſee the Images among the *Philiſtines* and their Gods. So they that make Images, Chriſtians, Heathens, and Jews, are in one nature, and ſpirit, and out of the Image of God, and they need not find fault with the Heathens, nor the Jews, nor Chriſtians, that be Image-makers, for they be natural born Children of one ill nature, both rebellious to the commands of God. For did not the *Philiſtines* think

that their Images and Idols did help them, and the Jews that transgreſt the Law of God? And do not you think that are called Chriſtians, that your Images, Idols, and Repreſentations do help you, and put you in rememberance? And ſo you have forſaken the ſpirit of God, and got up a viſible to put you in remembrance of the inviſible God. For did not the *Philiſtines* carry *Sauls* head, and publiſh through out their Idols Temple, and ſo thought their Images and their Idols got them victory. And do not you place much upon your Images, and ſay that you have done miracles by your Images and Pictures, and yet are called Chriſtians. Now *David* and his Men burnt the Images of the *Philiſtines*. How can you profeſs *David*, and ſing his Pſalms who ſet up makers of Images, and would have others to do the like. For *David* ſaith, *The Idols of the Heathens are ſilver and gold, the work of mens hands: and they have eares and hear not, they have mouths and ſpeak not, eyes and ſee not, and there is no breath in them, and they that make them are like unto them, ſo are all that truſt in them.* Now all ye Image-makers in Chriſtendom, How can you eſcape *Davids* judgements here, or get from under it?

Pſal. 135. and 115. *Our God is in Heaven, and he doth whatſoever he will; But their Idols are ſilver, and gold, the works of mens hands: they have hands and handle not, feet and walk not, neither make they a ſound with their throat; they that make them are like unto them, and ſo are all that truſt in them.* Now all ye in Chriſtendom that are makers of Images, Pictures, Idols and Repreſentations, are you better Image-makers then were in the days of *David*? can either your Gods, or Pictures, or Images ſpeak, or handle, or ſound with their throats? but you are as the Heathen that *David* reproves that make ſuch things now in our dayes, who ſerve their Idols which was their ruine in *Davids* dayes, and ſo it will be yours.

Pſal. 106. *When they made a calfe in Horeb, and worſhiped the molten Image, they turned their glory into the ſimilitude of a Bullock which eat graſs, and ſo forgot God,* and ſo have you turned your glory into the Similitudes and Pictures and Images of things, and forgot your Creator and your Saviour. *And therefore a fire from the Lord was kindled againſt the Jews, in their Aſſemblies, and the flame burnt up*

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the wicked, And how can you escape, you cannot but are guilty of the same thing?

And in Psal. 97. *Confounded be all they that serve Images or trust in them, and that glory in Idols.* So you must not think to stand, that glory in your Idols, and serve your graven Images, together with your Pictures, for you are in the nature that is to be confounded.

And in 1 *Kings.* 14. *How Judah wrought wickedness in the the sight of the Lord, and provoked him more with their sins which they had committed, than all that which their fore-fathers had done, for they made them high places and Images.* And so you that make Images and set them up in your high places. Do not you provoke God more then your first fathers the primative Christians? Now *Asa* the King he takes away the *Sodomites* out of the Land, and puts away all the Idols that his forefathers had made, and this man did upright in the eye of the Lord as did *David* his father. Now if he did right in the eyes of the Lord that put away Images and Idols, do not you do evil in the eye of the Lord, that set up Images and Pictures in Christendom, and compel people to worship them; that people go in danger of their lives if they will not pull off their hats as they go by your Images and Crucifixes?

1 Kings 21. Chap. *There was none like Ahab, who did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the Lord: he did exceeding abominable in following Idols, according to the Ammorites, whom the Lord cast out before the Children of Israel.* Now this *Ahab* he humbled himself, but have you humbled your selves for your bloodshed, your wickedness and your abominations in making Images and setting them up in the Land and Nation, which was a wicked and an abominable thing in *Ahab*? and, what is it become a good thing now for you that call your selves Christians, and look upon your selves to be above the Jews? What will you say that Christ hath redeemed you to do all these abominations, and to make all those Images and Pictures and Representations? do you not abuse both Christ, and the Law of God in so doing?

In 2 Kings, 3. *Now Jeroboam that did work evil in the sight of the Lord, but not like his Father Ahab, nor his Mother Jezabel, yet he took away the Images of Baal that his father*

had made. So it ſhews that you are not come ſo far as wicked *Jeroboam* that are ſeting up Images, for you are not to make an Image of God, or of Chriſt, you are forbidden: *For, thou ſhalt not make an Image of any thing in Heaven or in the Earth.*

2 *Kings.* 10. See how *Jehu* deſtroyed the Images and Idols of *Baal*, and brought them out of the Temple and burnt them; and what a zeal he had againſt the Prieſts. And in 2 *Kings.* 11. How the Jews deſtroyed he houſe of *Baal*, their Alters and Images; and yet your Prieſts, and Pope, and others are ſetting them up, that look upon your ſelves beyond *Jehu*, and a ſtate beyond the Law, whoſe works are judged by the Law. In that 2 *Kings.* 17, and 18. you may ſee how they left all the commands of God, and made molten Images, and two Calves, and made Groves, and worſhipt all the Hoſt of Heaven, and ſerved *Baal*, and uſed witchcraft. And ſo you called Chriſtians have you not left all the commands of God who have made molten-Images, Pictures and likeneſſes and adores them, and worſhips them; Yea, and have you not made Images of the very Hoaſt of Heaven, of things in Heaven, things in the Earth, and things in the Waters? and perſecute others becauſe they would not worſhip things that you have ſet up, and ſo are neither true Jews nor true Chriſtians, but breakers both of Law and Goſpel.

Now *Hezekiah* takes away their high places, and breaks down their Images, and cuts down their Groves, and breaks in pieces the brazen Serpent that *Moſes* made for the Children of Iſrael, when they burnt Incenſe to it. For this man did that which was right in the ſight of God; but you have not done right that ſet up Images, for you do widkedly in Gods ſight, as *Ahab* did, for it was time to breake down that brazen Serpent, when they did once offer incenſe to it.

In 2 *Kings.* 20. There you may ſee how *Manaſſeh* the King of Iſrael led the people out of the way to do wickedly, yea more wickedly then the heathen people whom the Lord deſtroyed before the Children of *Iſrael*; for he ſet up the Images of the Groves in the Temple. And is not this like many of the Chriſtians that ſet up Images in their Steeple-houſes? and if *Manaſſeh* led the people out of the way and made them do wickedly in following Images and worſhiping

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them, Have not you done the ſame like *Manaſſeh*, that have ſet up Images, and cauſed people to follow them, and worſhip them?

In 2 *Kings* 23. See how *Joſiah* the King put down their Idols, and brake their Images in pieces, and cut down their Groves. Here you may ſee how this man fulfilled the Law of God; and they that break the Law of God ſet up Images, and they that keep it break them down; So now you that put them up are breakers of the Law.

And ſee how the fierce wrath of the Lord was kindled againſt *Judah*, becauſe of all the provocations wherewith *Manaſſeh* had provoked him; ſo that the Lord ſaid, *I will put Judah out of my ſight as I have put away Iſrael: and I will caſt off the City of Jeruſalem.* Therefore, What will become of all you Chriſtians that follow *Manaſſehs* ſteps?

So 1 *Chron.* 16. *David* ſaid, *All the Gods of the People are Idols, but the Lord made the Heaven.* So whoſoever makes a God, or a Chriſt for People, and Images, and Repreſentations, keep their minds from the Lord that made heaven; and in the tranſgreſſion of the Law of God, themſelves Rebels.

And 2 *Chron.* 14. *Aſa* deſtroyed the Idolaters, and commanded the People to ſerve the true God: For, *He brake down their Images, and their Altars, and their ſtrange Gods, which they had made.*

And *Azariah* in 2 *Chron.* 15. He purged his Country of Idols, and bad the People, *Be ſtrong, and let not your hands be weak.*

And ſo *Jehoſhaphat* in 2 *Chron.* 17. He *aboliſhed Idolatry, and cauſed the People to be taught the Law of God againſt it.* Now theſe that did keep the Law of God, whoſe hearts were upright before the Lord, and did ſee the perfect Law of God fulfilled, judge you that call your ſelves Chriſtians, and have founded thoſe things that are judged by the Law of God, therefore your hearts are unright and unperfect before him.

And in 2 *Chron.* 23. There you may ſee how the people went to the Houſe of *Baal*, and brake and deſtroyed both their Altars and their Images; and yet theſe were called *the Lords People*: Therefore they that ſet them up, Whoſe people are you?

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And in 2 *Chron.* 24. Where you may see, *They that left the House of God, and the Law of God, and served Groves and Idols, wrath came upon Judah.* And God sent a Prophet amongst them to bring them again unto the Lord, and they stoned him, *Zechariah* by name; and thus did *Joash* the King. And so consider you that do set up Images to lead people from the Lord, have you not stoned and killed them that came and declared against you and them both? for you have gone your selves from the way of the Lord, and have drawn away others; and so you persecute them, that endeavour to draw you again to the way of God, that his wrath may not come upon you.

In 2 *Chron.* 28. King *Ahaz* was an Idolater, *and he did not that which was upright in the sight of God, but walke in the wayes of the Kings of Israel, and made molten Images to Baalim, and burnt incense in the valley of Ben-hinnom: and,* at last *burnt his son.* Here you may see when people go off from the Law of God, what wickedness they run into at the last; and therefore have not you that are called Christians burnt them which you have called the Sons of the Church? yea, such which you have baptized into your Faith; and then because they will not follow your wayes and Religion, have you not burnt them, and stoned them? but consider the end of you and them that have broke the Law of God.

And in 2 *Chron.* 31. Here you may see how the people in *Hezekiahs* dayes destroyed Idolatry, and therefore they were commended by God and good men.

Likewise *Manasses*, in 2 *Chron.* 33. *And the Lord spake unto Manasseh, who had set up graven Images in the house of God,* as you do in your Steeple-houses, your Pictures and your Images, *but Manasses would not regard, nor the People.* So, will you regard, or do you regard the Lord and his Law, you that be Image and Picture makers, or setters of them up, adorers, and worshippers of them. But when *Manasseh* was in tribulation, in his fetters and chains and carried unto *Babylon*, then he considered how he had transgrest the Law of God; and so may some of you when you are brought into troubles; but while you are full and fat, you will kick against the Lord and his Law. And then *Manasseh* comes to abolish Idolatry, and to take away Images out of the Lords house; but when God brings troubles

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upon you, it may be some of you will consider of it.

And in the 34th Chapter, *Josiah* purged *Jerusalem* and *Judah from the High places, and the Groves, graven Images, and molten Images, and brake them down, and stampt them to pouder, and strowed them upon the graves of them that had sacrificed to them.* Now here was a man of God, which you are unlike unto, that are now setting up of such things as he threw down. *For the eyes of the Lord are upon all the wayes of man, and he sees all his goings: there is no darkness, nor shaddow of death, that the workers of darkness, and the workers of iniquity might be hid therein, but he searcheth them out all,* Job 34.

And all you Image-makers and Picture-makers, that set them up, which load people with them, and sink them to the earth to bow to your handy-work, that none can say, *Where is God that made me, which gave me songs in the night?*

Isa. 2. He said, *The Land is full of Idolatry, and they worship the works of their own hands: But when the haughtiness of man is brought low, the Lord shall be exalted: then the Idols will be destroyed, and they shall cast away their Idols of silver and of gold, which they made themselves to worship, and shall go into the holes of the Rocks, from the fear of the Lord, and the glory of his Majesty, when he shall arise to shake terribly the earth.* And therefore look to it you Christians, your earth is not shaken; yea, your Idols are not cast away, your loftiness and haughtiness is not brought low, your Land is full of Idols and Images, that you are not creeping into the holes of the Rocks, to hide your selves from the fear of the Lord, and the glory of his Majesty.

And in *Isa.* 10. The Lord hath said, *Like as my hand hath found out the Kingdom of the Idols, seeing their Idols were above Jerusalem, and above Samaria: Shall not I, as I have done to Samaria and to the Idols thereof, so do unto Jerusalem, and to the Idols thereof?* And so will not the Lord do unto the Christian Idols, and Idolaters, and Image-makers? For, are not your actions open to his eye? for you that are the Image-makers, and Idol-makers, have forgot the Lord of your salvation, and have not remembred the God of your strength.

Isa. 17. ch and 19. ch. *The burden of Egypt: Behold, the Lord rode upon swift Clouds, and shall come upon Egypt, and the*

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Idols, and Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of her. Now consider you spiritual *Egyptians* with your Idols and Images, think you not that the Lord will come upon you that are spiritual *Egypt*? and do you not think that your *Egypt* shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of your *Egypt* shall melt in the midst of you.

Isa. 27. *For God will purge away the iniquity of Jacob and his fruits of sin shall be taken away, when he shall make all the stones of the Altar as chalk stones, broken in pieces, that the Groves and Images may not stand up: his defenced City shall be desolate, and his habitation shall be forsaken, and left like a Wilderness.* Now consider this Christians, ye are unpurged, and have Images, you are in your iniquities, where your Images yet stand up, your defenced Cities are undesolate yet, and your Habitations are not yet forsaken, nor made like a Wilderness: But look for all this to come to pass.

Isa. 30. *Ye shall pollute the cover of the Images of silver, and the rich ornament of thine images of gold, and cast them away as a menstruous cloath; and thou shalt say unto it, Get thee hence: then shall the Lord give rain unto thy Seed, when thou shalt sow the ground, and the increase of the earth, and it shall be fat, and as oyl: In that day shall thy Cattle be fed in large pastures.* But you called Christians, would you not be ready to kill & burn such as shall be ready to pollute your cover and rich ornaments of the Images of gold, and cast them away as a menstruous cloath; and say, Go thee hence: But this is not come to you yet, there is adoring of them, you have not cast them away, your sin is still upon you, you do not esteem of them as a menstruous cloath you are afraid they should be polluted, who regard neither God, nor his Law, nor his Prophets. *O ye children of Israel, turn again in as much as ye are forsaken, you are sunk deep in rebellion: in that day that you turn again you shall cast away your Idols of silver, and of gold, which your hands have made, even as sin.* So you that make Images now in Christendom, and Pictures and Representations, your hands make a sin, and you wont cast it away, until you return to the way of the Lord, for out of the way of God, you must look for nothing but wrath and judgment.

Isa. 40. *To whom will you liken God? what similitude will you*

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ſet up to him : the workman melts an Image, and the gold-ſmith beats it out in gold, and the gold-ſmith makes ſilver plates. The poor chooſes out a tree that will not rot, he ſeeks unto him a cunning workman, to prepare an Image that ſhall not be moved. And is not this ſpirit alſo among you that are called Chriſtians, Image-makers, of wood, of ſilver, of gold and of ſtone? To whom will you liken God or Chriſt? to a piece of bread, and to a cup of wine? You are grown wiſer in the ſpiritual *Egypt* than they were in the old time, that will ſet up the Image of God in your Bibles, and in your Houſes, when no Image ought or can be made of him, *who is a Spirit, and to be worſhipt in Spirit and in Truth.*

Iſa. 44. *All they that make Images are vanity, and they are deceivable things, and ſhall nothing profit, and they are their own witneſſes, that they ſee not nor know : therefore they ſhall be confounded who have made a God or a molten Image that is profitable for nothing. Behold, all they that are of the fellowſhip thereof ſhall be confounded, for the workmen themſelves are men; let them all be gathered together; they ſhall fear and be confounded together. With part of the tree they warm themſelves, and with part they bake their bread, and kindle the fire, and of part they make a God and worſhip it, and bow to it.* Read the Chapter throughout and ſee, is not this like many called Chriſtians? And muſt you not all be confounded that be in the Fellowſhip, in the Images, and Pictures, and Idols, together with the Setters up and makers of them? And do not you eat part of your bread that you make your God of, and drink part of your wine that you make a God and Chriſt, and refreſh your bodies with the other part, and the other part you make your God and Chriſt of, which when you have made, you worſhip him? And here muſt you not all be confounded in theſe works? Expect it.

Iſa. 46. *Saith the Lord, To whom will you liken me,* make me like, or make me equal, or compare me, *that I ſhould be like him? They draw gold out of a bag, and weigh ſilver in the ballance, and hire the goldſmith to make a god of it, and they bow down and worſhip it. They bear it upon their ſhoulders, and carry it, and ſet it in his place : and when they cry to him, he cannot deliver them out of tribulation? Remember this and be aſhamed;*

and bring it again to mind, O you transgressors. Consider you that are called Papists, do not you carry your Hoast upon your shoulders, and put your Hoast you make in a place, which you make of bread and wine? and do not you and your people worship the bread and wine which you make your God and Christ of? And do not you make Pictures of God like an old man? and do not the Lord reprove you, saying, *Who will you make me like, or to whom will you make me equal?* What will you make him equal with an Image? *or to whom will you compare me?* What, will you compare him to man, and liken him to him who is a *Spirit, and is to be worshiped in Spirit?* And, have you not now your Goldsmith, like the Heathen, to make you Gods and Images of gold and silver? Oh remember this and be ashamed, O you Transgressors.

Isa. 48. *Thou that art obstinate, and thy neck is as iron, and thy brow as brass, therefore I shall declare it unto thee of old, before it come to pass, I shew it thee, lest thou shouldst say, My Idols have done them, my graven Images, my molten Images have commanded them?* And therefore consider now you stiff-necked, whose brows are as brass, and who are obstinate, who trust so much in Representations, Images and Pictures, and make your people believe that great things are done by them, which are lyes; for nothing can you do to glorify God being in the transgression of his holy Law.

Isa. 57. *But you witches children, come hither, the seed of the adulterer, and of the whore. On whom have ye jested? upon whom have you gaped and thrust out your tongue? are not ye rebellious children, and a false seed, inflamed with Idols under every green tree?* &c. Now consider you that profess Christianity, whose children you are, of what seed you are, who are found inflamed with Idols, Pictures and Images, and jest and gape with your mouthes, and thrust out your tongues at his people, therefore you cannot be called a people of God, for you have rebelled, and vext Gods holy Spirit, therefore is he turned your enemy, and will fight against you.

Isa. 63, and 66. Wherein you may see your sacrifices are like the *Jews*, who transgrest the Law of God, that your sacrifice is like unto blessing your Idols, *and cutting off of a dogs neck, because you have chosen your own ways, and your souls have delighted*

ligh ed in your abominations : Therefore God will choose your delusion, and bring a fear upon you, and none shall answer.

Jer. 10. *Every man is a beast by his own knowledge : every founder is confounded by the graven Image, for his melting is but falshood, and there is no breath therein, and they are vanity, and the work of errors, in the time of their visitation they shall perish.* So consider you makers of Images, who are Beasts in your knowledge, who be imitators of the Creator, and make Images of things in Heaven and in the Earth, and so are imitators of your Creator ; but you are too short, you cannot make them to speak, they cannot put breath in them, nor make them go, nor handle, nor see, nor hear ; so that your works are vanity.

Jer. 16. *Shall a man make gods unto himself that are no gods? Behold, saith the Lord, I will this once teach them, I will shew them my hand and my power, and they shall know that my name is the Lord.* You must feel the weight of this all ye God-makers, and Christ-makers, when the Lords hand is upon you and his power.

Jer. 43. *I will kindle a fire, saith the Lord, in the house of the gods of Egypt, and they shall burn and carry them away captive, and he shall raise himself in the Land of Egypt.* Now consider ye that are called Christians, which are spiritual *Egypt*, Dont you think that the Lord will kindle a fire in the house of your Gods, Pictures, and Images which you adore and worship, the God and Christ you made of the bread and wine. He will make you know that he is the Lord, and you cannot make him, but he made all to his glory.

Jer. 50. *Declare this among the Nations, publish it and set up a standard, proclaim it and conceal it not. Say, Babel is taken, Bell is confounded, Merodach is broken down, her Idols confounded, and her Images are burnt in pieces.* And now you that are called Christians, what think you of this? have you heard of this Proclamation? is it set up among the Heathen, and not among you? Is not the Standard yet set up? Is this concealed yet to you? Your Images are not yet burnt, nor your Idols yet confounded.

And in the same Chapter. *Drought is upon her waters, and they shall be dryed up, for it is a Land of graven Images.* What

do you see? Were these the Jews and Heathens, and yet are not you, called Christians, in fellowship with them, is not your Land full of Images? and do not you dote upon your Idols, Pictures and Representations? There is a drought of the waters of Life among you, and therefore are you not sucking in your Images, and bowing and praying before them.

Ezek. 6. What brought the *Sword*, and *Famine*, and the *Pestilence* upon *Israel*? was it not because of *Idolatry*, and their *Images* which should have been broken down, and cast down? Nay, were not their men slain upon their *Idols* who had imitated the Heathens wayes, like some that are called Christians? and did not God bring the carcases of the Children of *Israel* before their *Idols*, and scatter their brains before their Altars, and made them to know that he was the Lord? And by reason of these things did he not bring *Famine* and *Pestilence* upon them? So that, how can you think to escape?

Ezek. 7. *They made Images of their abominations, and of their Idols*: And therefore, *Did not this bring shame upon their faces, and baldness upon their heads, and brought their Land into the hands of strangers?* But you Papists are not yet fully come to this.

And the *Antients* of the House of *Israel*, see what they did in the dark, in *Ezek.* 8. *Every one in the Chamber of his Imagry*. And so you Christians called, see what you have done in the dark, in the Chambers of your Imagry, for you have been workers out of the Light, and so your works are for condemnation.

And in *Ezek.* 14. *Son of man, these men have set up Idols in their hearts, and put a stumbling block of iniquity before their faces. I the Lord will answer him that comes according to the multitude of his Idols.* Therefore you that think to come to God by your Pictures, Images, Crosses, Crucifixes, Representations, Gods and Christs you have made, the Lord will answer you with his wrath; and therefore turn your faces from your abominations, for you are all departed from God through your Idolatry.

Ezek. 18. There you may see such were reproved that lifted up their eyes to Idols: And therefore Christians look at home, see what you lift up your eyes to, to the multitude of

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your Idols, Images and Pictures. And *Ezek.* 20. See how *the Lord brought his People out of the Land of Egypt, into a Land that flowed with milk and honey:* and yet after that how they *rebelled against God, and followed the Idols of Egypt, and therefore wrath came upon them as it did upon the Egyptians*; which you must not escape that follow such things now in the spiritual *Egypt*, and defile not your selves in observing the manner of other Nations with their Idols. And so away with all Image-makers, and Image-worshippers, for both the maker and they must be confounded.

Ezek. 21. *The King of Babel stood up at the parting of the way, at the head of the two wayes, consulting by devination, and made his arrows bright. He consulted with Idols, and looked into the Liver.*

So consider ye that now pray before Images, and to Images and Idols, and to your Pictures; you are in *Nebuchadnezzars* spirit, who will persecute others, because they will not bow down to your Pictures and Images.

Ezek. 22. and 23. *Thou hast offended in the blood that thou hast shed, and hast polluted thy feet with the Idols that thou hast made; and so thou hast caused thy days to draw nigh, therefore I have made thee a reproach to the Heathen and a mocking to all Countryes: and therefore thus saith the Lord God, the City sheddeth blood in the midst of it, that her time may come, and maketh Idols against her self. And thus she committed whordom with them, even with all them that were chosen men of Ashur, and defiled themselves with all her Idols.*

So consider this have you not offended in blood, and shed blood in your Cities? yea, and polluted your selves with your Idols; yea, all you Idol-makers in Christendom, and followed the wayes of the Heathen, and like the old *Romans*, which made Images. And *Simon Magus*, was not he the first Image-maker at *Rome*, whose Image was set up? and, how do you think to escape the wrath of God, who are so unlike his Saints, and his people? and therefore, what can you expect but nakedness and shame, who have gone a whoring after the Heathen, and polluted your selves with Idols, pictures and Images? For when *Israel* of old forsook God, they grew cruel,

el and hardened with their Idols and Images, and at laſt they ſlew their Children to their Idols, and for Sacrifices: and ſo you have ſacrificed others that would not bow down to your Idols, and Images, and your Hoaſt which you made,

Ezek. 29. *Thus ſaith the Lord God, I will alſo deſtroy the Idols, I will cauſe their Idols to ceaſe; I will make their land waſt; I will bring a terrible people, a terrible Nation upon them.* So when the Children of *Iſrael* followed Images, Pictures, and Idols, He brought the *Egyptians* and *Nebuchadnezzer* upon them; and ſo then they had Images and Idols enough; for the Lord brought that upon them that was in and of the nature that they were in themſelves, when they had forſaken God. And ſo, do not you expect (called Chriſtians) that delight in Pictures, Images, and Idols, that the Lord in his time will bring them that you call Heathen upon you; for you are gone from God, and Chriſt, into the nature of the Heathens; and then you may cry to your Pictures, Idols, and Images; for when your people called out in *Ireland* to *Patrick* and to your Images, and Pictures, you ſee there was none able to deliver them. And thus you have deluded the people, and kept them in bondage unto your Pictures, Images, and Idols, whom the Lord will reward. So to make Images and Idols is an abomination, it is that which defiles people, it is a tranſgreſſion of Gods Law, he is as a beaſt that invents them or commands them to be made, or to worſhip them.

Ezek. 44. *The Levites that were gone back from me, ſaith the Lord, when Iſrael went aſtray from me after their Idols, but they ſhall bear their iniquity.* Now conſider you that call your ſelves Chriſtians, you are gone back, all ye Prieſts, Popes, Cardinalls, Jeſuits, as well as *Iſrael* of old, and the *Levites*, you are gone back from the Lord, ye are gone aſtray after Idols, Images and Pictures, and you muſt bear your iniquity.

Dan. 3. *Where Nebuchadnezzer ſets up a golden Image and cauſed all both ſmall and great to worſhip it, at the ſound of the Pipe and the Inſtruments of Muſick all were to fall down, and worſhip the Image that he had ſet up, but the three Children Shadrach, Meſhach, and Abednigo; that feared the Lord and and kept their Religion clear, could not follow Nebuchadnezzers*

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Religion but transgreſt and obeyed not his commands, in not falling down to worship that which he had ſet up. So now you Papiſts have you not made Images, Pictures, and Hoaſts, and do not you command the people to fall down, yea, to put off their hats at the ſound of the *Ave-mary* Bell, or elſe be in danger of coming under your Law, and ſo here you are found in *Nebuchadnezzers* ſpirit, not in Chriſts, nor the Prophets or Apoſtles,

Hoſ. 4. *Thus ſaith the Lord, Ephraim is joyned to Idols, let him alone: and they ſhall be aſhamed of their Sacrifices.* Now conſider, have you, called Chriſtians, that have worſhiped Images, and Idols, have you been let alone many hundreds of years and yet you are not aſhamed of your Sacrifices? but they that are come from you are.

And when Iſrael forgot God his maker, he built Temples: Iſrael caſt off the thing that is good; of the ſilver, and of the gold they have made Idols. Now therefore ſhall they be deſtroyed and the Enemy ſhall purſue him. And therefore conſider you called Chriſtians theſe things, who have made Idols of your ſilver, and of your gold, think you not that the Enemy will purſue you, who caſt off things that are good, who have forgotten your maker and built many Temples and not mind that your bodies are the Temples of the Living God.

Hoſ. 10. *Iſrael is an empty vine, they have made fair Images, their hearts are devided, now ſhall they be found faulty, he ſhall break down their Alters, he ſhall deſtroy their Images,* So conſider all ye called Chriſtians what an empty vine you are, and wild, who have made you fair Images, O how do you delight in them, and their pictures, you are found faulty before God, who will breake them down.

Hoſ. 13. *When Ephraim ſpake trembling he exalted himſelf in Iſrael, but he ſinned in Baal and is dead, and they ſinned more and more, and made molten Images of their ſilver, and Idols according to their own underſtanding, and they are all the work of the Craftſmen.* So conſider, ye that call your ſelves Chriſtians, are not you dead that make theſe molten Images, and Idols of ſilver, and gold, and of ſtone, and wood, &c? And dont you kiſs your Pictures, and Images? and ſo, if *Ephraim* be

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dead, are you living that do so, and follow your craftsmen whom you set at work, and worship their works, which is an abomination to God, who is, and will be worshipped in Spirit and in Truth.

Hos. 14. *Ephraim shall say, what have I to do more with Idols?* But you that call your selves Christians, have not said so yet; and therefore you are worse than *Ephraim.*

Amos, Chap. 4, and 5. Where is a lamentation for the captivity of *Israel*, who followed *Images* which the Heathens followed, who made gods to themselves like them; which practice hath been followed by those that call themselves Christians, who have made Gods and Christs, Makers for the People, which is an abomination, who have kept people by such doings from the true Christ, who is the way to the true God.

Mich. 1. *All the graven Images shall be broken, and all the gifts thereof shall be burnt with fire, and all the Idols shall be destroyed: For she gathered it of the hire of a Harlot*, &c. Now how can you own this Prophet and keep your Images, and Idols unburnt and destroyed? for it is the work of the whorish Spirit from God to make such things, and not of the Spouse of Christ.

Mich. 5. *Thy Idols shall be cut off, and thy Images out of the middest of thee, and thou shalt no more worship the work of thy hands*, &c. This Prophet will take hold upon you that are called Christians, who are found in such practices, and then you will be separate from your Lovers.

Nahum 1. *The Lord hath given a command concerning thee, I will cut off the graven Images and the molten Images, and I will make it thy grave for thee, for thou art vile.* So consider ye Christians, with all your Images and Pictures, which are become your grave, for you are vile: Therefore mind the Lords command, that you may come out of your vileness; and cut down your Pictures, and Images, and obey the Lords command.

Hab. 2. *What profiteth the Image? For the maker thereof hath made an Image, and a teacher of lyes: though he that made it trust therein when he makes a dumb Idol. Wo unto him that saith unto the wood awake, and to the dumb stone arise up, it shall*

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teach thee: For behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breth in it. The Lord is in his holy Temple, let the Earth keep silence before him. And now you Papists and Christians, you say, your Pictures, and Images which you make, and your Representations, they profit the People, and are Lay-mens Calenders; and thus your Teachers are lyes, contrary to the Command of God, who saith, *They do not profit*. Your stones, and your wood, which you paint with gold, there is no breath in them, away with all such fopperies.

Zach. 10. *Surely saith the Lord, their Idols have spoken vanity, and the south-sayers have seen a lye, and the dreamers have told a vain thing.* Now consider this, ye that call your selves Christians, all you south-sayers that have set up Idols, which are vanity, which have seen a lye, and the dream you have told is but a vain thing, and dont you tell to People, that your Representations and Images shall profit them.

Zach. 13. *The Lord saith, he will open a fountain to the house of David, and inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness: and in that day, saith the Lord of Hosts, I will cut off the name of the Idols out of the Land, and they shall no more be remembred, and I will cause the unclean to depart out of the Land.* Now consider this you Papists and others, this Fountain is not opened to you yet for sin and for uncleanness, for your Images and Idols are yet standing in your Land, held up by your unclean spirit, for when this Fountain is opened, your unclean spirit that held up your Idols must depart out of the Land, and then you will acknowledge the Prophesie.

Mal. 3. *For you have spoiled the Nations with your Images, and false Gods and Christs.* This may well be applied unto you that call your selves Christians, that follow your Pictures and Images, the gods you have made: For *Israel* went from the Ordinances of the Lord when he turned to Images, Idols, and other gods, as you Christians have gone from the Ordinance of God.

And see in *Acts* 17. How *Stephen* reproved the *Jews* for *making a Calf, and offering sacrifice to the Idols, the work of their own hands*; and how God turned himself away from them, and how they served the Hoast of Heaven. For, what is there in

Heaven or Earth, but you have made Pictures and Images of, and ſo you are here judged by *Stephen* whom the Jews ſtoned to death, the ſame would you do to them that ſhould cry againſt you. The Pictures, Images, and Repreſentations that you have made, being found in the ſame tranſgreſſing ſpirit like the *Jews*.

And the Apoſtle commands in *Acts* 15. *That the Gentiles who were converted ſhould abſtain from Idols and from fornication, &c.* And therefore conſider, you that are called Chriſtians, you are here judged by the Apoſtle, who ſet up houſes for Fornication, and follow Idols, and Images, and do not abſtain from them, you are Tranſgreſſors of the Apoſtles Ordinance.

Acts 19. There you may ſee your own brethren, what rage they were in, at the City *Epheſus*, that worſhipt *Diana*, and what a noiſe made thoſe Image-makers againſt the Apoſtle. And ſo look among your ſelves, what a noiſe you make you Craftſ-men now, againſt the Miniſters of the Spirit, that preach, and cry down your Images and Idols. So the *Gentiles* were to abſtain from Idols and Fornication, as before, which ſhews that you are in the *Gentiles* nature, not converted, that do obſerve them, and follow ſuch things as they did in their unconverted ſtate.

And *Rom.* 1. There you may ſee your old Brethren, *when they knew God, they did not glorify him as God: who turned the truth of God into a lye, and worſhipped and ſerved the Creature more than the Creator, who is God bleſſed for ever.* And ſo now this is your condition, who profeſs your ſelves to be wiſe, but are fools; for what, dont you and your people ſerve Images, and Pictures and, Repreſentations more than you do the Creator; For you are not come ſo far as to abhor Idols, and tho you ſay in words, as you do, as the Heathen, yet you profeſſing Chriſtianity doing the ſame, you are worſe.

1 Cor. 8. *Some make conſcience of an Idol: An Idol is nothing.* And the *Corinthians were not to eat meat ſacrificed to Idols.* And ſo what are all your ſacrifices but to Idols, Images, and your Chriſt you make? And ſo, if an Idol be nothing, then nothing can do you no good, and that which ſacirfices and offers to it, is offered to nothing, and ſo all comes to be confounded. And therefore, as in 1 *Cor.* 10. both the Sacrificer

and

and the Idol is not good for any thing but for judgement. And *What agreement* (in 2 *Cor.* 6.) *hath the Temple of God with the Idol.* So if you were the Temple of God, that are called Chriſtians, there would be no agreement with your Pictures, Images and Idols, but ſhewing that you have agreement with them. Therefore you are no Temples of God.

1. *Theſ.* 1. There its manifeſt, how *they were turned from Idols to God, to ſerve the liveing God*: but now it is manifeſt how they are turned from the living God to ſerve Images, Pictures, Idols and Repreſentations, whereby it denotes you are in an unconverted eſtate.

2 *Joh*, 5. The Apoſtle ſaith, *Little Children keep your ſelves from Idols*: in his general Epiſtle to the Church. But you that call your ſelves Chriſtians have forgot this command, or at leaſt laid it aſide and command your people to keep to your Images, Pictures, Idols and Repreſentations, and call them your Lay-mens Books and therfore you are quite degenerated from *Johns* Doctrine and command here, who command your people to keep Idols, whereas *John* commands to keep from them.

And *Revel.* 2. There you may ſee, *There were ſome that laid ſtumbling-blocks that taught the Doctrine of Balaam, and to eat meats Sacrificed to Idols, and to commit fornication*, and therfore conſider, is, not this the condition of you Papiſts? are not you in *Balaams* reward? are not you in your Idols, and fornication, elſe what do you do with all thoſe Brothel Houſes

And *Revel.* 9. There you ſee ſuch as were ſo hardned, that did not repent of the works of their hands, that worſhipt the Devil, Idols of gold, ſilver, braſs, ſtone and wood, which neither could hear, ſee, nor go, and theſe God brought his plagues upon, and ſuch repented not of their ſorcery, murder, fornication, and theft. And ſo look into your own neſt, and there you may find all theſe fruits, and it is well if this doth not fall out that many will periſh in theſe fruits and not repent.

And ſo for you that have followed the *Beaſt*, as in *Revel.* 13. *and his Image and made all ſmall and great, poor and rich, bond and*

and free to receive his mark, &c. and so keep them from Gods mark and Image to follow your Images and therefore consider what will be the end, whether the *Beast*, the *Dragon*, the *Whore*, and the *false Prophet*, must be cast into the *fire* that *burns* with *brimstone*, which hath been the ground of all these Images, Idols, Pictures and Representations which be out of the Image of God that make them, that set them up, that command them to be made, and worship them: they be gone out (I say) of the Image of God into the Image of the Devil that is out of Truth.

Solomon by taking strang Women of the Heathen to be his Wives, transgrest the Law of Marriage which was instituted by *Moses*; in which Law God forbad to marry with forraign Nations. And before all this he chanced to sin and default in the observation of the Law, at such time as he made the similitudes of Beasts to underprop the Vessels called *the Great Sea*, and those of Lyons which he caused to be set unto his Throne. *Josephus, pag.* 204.

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THE END.